

## Research Showcase

*Weekly Report 01/08/18 to 01/12/18*

As the Research Showcase is nearing, I have been making my finishing touches to my original work, digital portfolio, and physical portfolio. I have been making sure to constantly update both of the portfolios with my most recent progress on my original work as well as my most recent weekly reports and interview assessments. Going forward, my priority immediately after the showcase will be finding a mentor.

Regarding the mentor, I have come to the conclusion that I need to go about requesting a mentorship in a different manner. Perhaps a call would be more effective than an email when trying to get a genuine and honest response. As of right now, I have two interviews scheduled in the near future. Both are with OTRs and not with professionals in related fields, so I will have the opportunity to ask either of them to be a mentor. I will also bring up the mentorship aspect of the program during the interview in order to speed up the process of receiving a mentor.

The completion of my original work, the "Sensory Room," has been a great milestone in my experience in the ISM program. I have created a three-dimensional scale Google Sketchup model that includes all of the textures and elements that the final product will eventually have. I also completed an advertisement for my original work that will be presented with the final product once I complete it. Finally, I created a "virtual tour" of my Sensory Room in iMovie that consists of a screen-recording of different angles and viewpoints on the model, with a voiceover of me explaining the functions of each of the components as they are individually zoomed in on. I uploaded the virtual tour to YouTube and published it to my digital portfolio along with my advertisement and several screenshots of the model in Google Sketchup.

Because of my extensive preparations and passion for the field I am studying, I feel that I am very ready for the Research Showcase. I look forward to interacting with people in my community in order to expand my professional network and spread interest and awareness of the ISM program as a whole.